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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 23, 2013

SUBJECT: **FDOT PROJECTS: STATE ROAD 112/JULIA TUTTLE CSWY BIKE PATH AND ALTON ROAD FLY-OVER CLOSURE UPDATES**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to inform you of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Road (SR) 112/Julia Tuttle Cswy Bike Path project and to provide a status update of the Alton Road Fly-Over Closure.

State Road (SR) 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway Bike Path/Trail Project

As I explained at the July 17, 2013 City Commission meeting, SR 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway Bike Path/Trail Project, FDOT will begin construction on Monday, August 26, 2013 with completion scheduled for the fall. This project extends from SR 112 Off-Ramp in the City of Miami to Alton Road. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$784,750.

In early 2013, FDOT installed bicycle lanes to Julia Tuttle Causeway. The goal of the upcoming project is to add bicycle/pedestrian railings to the existing barrier wall at the bridges, and widen, repave, and restripe the southbound Alton Road exit ramp. The additional shoulder width will serve as a bicycle lane and merge to a shared-lane (sharrows) on southbound Alton Road; however, bicyclists who do not wish to use the proposed sharrows will have the option of connecting to the shared-use trail adjacent to Biscayne Bay via an off road bicycle connector. The bicycle connections through the Julia Tuttle Cswy help complement the existing bike lanes on the MacArthur Causeway and provide another mode of alternative transportation between the City of Miami Beach and the City of Miami.

As part of this project, FDOT will also be creating a median opening at the City line to provide access for emergency responders and installing new speed feedback signs.

FDOT has advised that to complete this work safely, some lane closures may be needed. These lane closures would occur between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm. FDOT is proposing full closure of the off-ramp during the widening and paving operations. In order to minimize the effects of the closure, FDOT is proposing to work between 9:00 pm and 5:30 am and re-open the ramp to traffic every morning. Upon closure of the ramp, traffic will be detoured to the intersection of SR 112 (Julia Tuttle) and Alton Road -- where drivers who wish to go south can turn right at Alton Road or continue east along 41st Street. The City is currently reviewing this closure to suggest possible modifications. FDOT will notify the City of Miami Beach in advance of any anticipated lane closures and all lane closures will be coordinated with the City. Following coordination, this information will be disseminated to the residents.

As part of its public information program, FDOT has designated a Public Information Officer for the project who will be the point of contact on community issues and be available on a 24/7 basis throughout the duration of the project. The PIO will be responsible for providing updates via e-mail to affected area stakeholders regarding construction activities, lane closures, and traffic impacts. FDOT has created a project website and placed information regarding lane closures and project details on the

following website: www.fdotmiamidade.com. Enclosed please find a Project Fact Sheet (Attachment). The fact sheet includes project information, construction schedule, and contact information for the Public Information Officer for the project.

SR 907/Alton Road Reconstruction Project

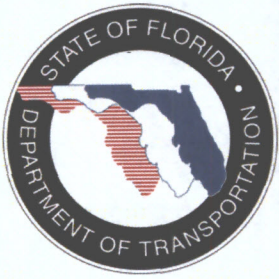
As part of the SR 907/Alton Road Reconstruction Project, FDOT is currently reconstructing the fly-over traffic barrier, thus closing all traffic on the fly-over. This closure began Monday, July 14, 2013 and is scheduled for completion August 13, 2013. As a result of severe traffic congestion during the weekend, FDOT staff met with State Representative David Richardson, representatives from the offices from State Senator Gwen Margolis, Bergeron staff, and City of Miami Beach staff to discuss further traffic mitigation measures.

FDOT is currently continuing to monitor traffic and implementing new traffic signal timings to account for additional weekend traffic. FDOT has approved City of Miami Beach Police Department (CMBPD) presence at affected intersections during afternoon peak hours (3:30 pm to 7:30 pm) and 24-hour support beginning at 3:00 pm on Fridays through 6:00 am on Mondays. CMBPD will also be committing some of their resources to monitor and manually control the intersections on as-needed basis, particularly to prevent motorists from blocking the box at intersections. Moreover, FDOT's Traffic Operation Department will explore the possibility of placing alternative route messages on the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) overhead signs at I-95. Bergeron has been authorized to change the messages for the Variable Message Signs to display alternate routes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment:
FDOT Project Fact Sheet

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FACT SHEET

A NEW ROADWAY PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN YOUR AREA

State Road (SR) 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway/I-195

FINs# 431902-1/2-52-01
Begins: July 2013

OVERVIEW

On Monday August 26, 2013, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a roadway construction project along SR 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway/I-195 from the Biscayne Boulevard entrance and exit ramps to the southbound Alton Road exit ramp and along Alton Road from West 39 Street to North Bay Road.

WORK TO BE PERFORMED

- Installing a new pedestrian/bicycle railing on the existing barrier wall
- Completing the bicycle lane on the east end of the roadway and extending it along the southbound Alton Road exit ramp to Chase Avenue
- Creating a median opening at the county line to provide access for emergency responders
- Installing several new signs, including electronic speed feedback signs to alert motorists how fast they are traveling
- Repaving and restriping the westbound Biscayne Boulevard exit ramp and the eastbound Biscayne Boulevard entrance ramp
- Widening, repaving and restriping the southbound Alton Road exit ramp
- Adding pavement markings on the Biscayne Boulevard ramps and on Alton Road to alert drivers that cyclists can use the travel lane

PROJECT SCHEDULE

August 26, 2013 — fall 2013

AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES

City of Miami Beach
City of Miami

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST

\$784,750

LANE CLOSURE & DETOUR INFORMATION

To do this work safely, it will be necessary to close travel lanes and conduct detours at times. Travel lanes may be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They may also be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays. Detours will be used when repaving the Biscayne Boulevard and Alton Road ramps. Lane closure, detours and project information will be posted weekly on the Department's website.

HELPFUL TIPS

- Allow extra time to reach your destination
- Obey all posted signs and speed limits

ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST

For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution when driving, walking or biking around any construction zone. Wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. The Department takes steps to reduce construction effects, but you might experience the following around the work site.

- Travel lane closures and detours
- Increased dust and noise
- Workers and equipment moving around the area

Please note that this schedule could change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact FDOT Project Administrator Melissa Mojarena de Zayas, at (305) 640-7174, or Public Information Specialist Heather Leslie at (305) 905-5876 or Heather@hmlpublicoutreach.com.



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